



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

28th August 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you've had a great break! We're really looking forward to having the whole community back together for the start of the year.

I am sure we will find and resolve issues as we return to school, in exactly the same way we have done since March. However, I am confident we are ready to welcome everyone back on Monday, 7th September (Year R will be the week later). I have decided to resend the information from the end of last term with a few updates for you.

The current guidance is that schools are safe and that all but those very few children with severe medical conditions should return to school. This is now a government expectation, rather than the option it was in the summer term. As such we will follow up on absences as there is a clear expectation on schools to do so. Mrs Clay in the office is now the school's Attendance Officer, and will be supporting this process.

I appreciate there's a lot of do's and don'ts but thank you for making this easy to run for everyone.

There are a few things that will need to be in place and we will need your continued support to achieve this please:

- **1m+ social distancing** we are not looking to stagger start times or entry points because of the site's size and the fact families have children in different year groups. As families are outside and passing each other, any risk is minimal if distancing continues to be observed. Please do keep the paths clear so families can move freely around the site. This distancing includes staff members from children and adults. When waiting for the classroom door to open, please distance and do not allow siblings to run around or use equipment.
- **Individuals who are unwell, so those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school and is tested.**
- **Parents to remain outside of the building.** We will happily call you or speak with you if you need to, please call or email the office for routine issues so staff can help

- **Uniform** is expected including black school shoes. This now does not need washing for each day
- **Handwashing** will remain in place and we will increase hand washing stations with the increase in the number of children.
- **Cleaning**, the school will increase the regularity of cleaning as there are more children here
- **Seating** we have been directed to sit the children in rows facing the front of the classroom to minimise the transmission between people
- **Creative Kidz** are offering Before and After school provision as they have previously done and this can be booked through their website
- **Other than essential things for school**, nothing else comes to school or goes home
- **Email**, the year group emails have been closed and we will arrange for staff to use Dojo to send reminders or share the children's learning

Regards,
John Paterson
Headteacher